I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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09/11/2012: Max, ON5UR, reports that after more than six months of work and hunderds of international phone calls, he and Marc ON8AK finally found a base location for a DX trip to Monaco. From 9-17 November 2012 look for 3A/ON5UR and 3A/ON8AK running SSB only. So far they have permission for one base station, but hope to find a solution to get two stations on the air. They will operate from 80-10 metres. QSL via M0URX (OQRS). Webpage to follow. [DX World]

09/11/2012: Peter, DC0KK, will again be active as 4S7KKG from Sri Lanka (AS-003, WLOTA 0762, WW Loc. MJ96XK), this time between 9 November 2012 until 9 March 2013 as. Look for him on Digital modes and CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Log will be uploaded to LoTW [DX World]

09/11/2012: Look for Akira, AH2J (JR1VAY), to be active as AH2J/KH0 from the island of Saipan (USi NI002S, WLOTA 1333), Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) between 9-12 November 2012. Akira-san will focus on the JIDX SSB Contest and the WAEDC RTTY Contest (both on 10-11 November). Outside the contest he will be QRV on the HF bands with focus on SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via JR1VAY, direct or by the JARL bureau. [NG3K]

09/11/2012: Ruben LU3XEM, Luis LU3XEI, Edgar LU5VAT and Carlos LU7DSY plan on activating Pinguino [Penguin] Island (SA-087), Deseado Department, Santa Cruz province (Southern Patagonia), Argentina, between 9-11 November 2012. This particular island was on air for the first time 12 years ago - with no activity since. The team will use the special callsign LT0X and expect to be active on 80, 40, 20, 15, 12 and 10 metre, possibly 6 metre, SSB, CW and PSK31. The intent is to have three stations active simultaneously. They will have 3 generator sets and the camp is near to the sea - about 150 metres from the lighthouse (ARLHS ARG-010, TWLHD WLH LU-006, WLOTA 1459, Admiralty G1152, WW Loc. FE72DC). The island is a nature reserve, the Reserva Provincial Isla Ping?protecting a large colony of Magellanic penguins. QSL via LU7DSY (with SASE and 2 IRC). [rsgbiota]

09/11/2012: Marco PE2MC (MDG #2372, EPC #3656), Peter PJ4NX and Bert PE2KY will be active as PJ4X from the island of Bonaire (SA-006, WFF PAFF-024, WLOTA 1279) from 9-16 November 2012. QRV on the HF bands, holiday style, with focus on the digital modes and some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. Further information and updates can be found on his website at: www.pe2mc.nl/bonaire-here-we-come-pj4pe2mc/ [DX World]

09/11/2012: Hardy, DL8NU will be active from Berjaya Beau Vallon Bay, island of Mahe (AF-024, WLOTA 3286), Seychelle inner islands, as S79NU from 9-24 November 2012. QSL on the HF bands, mostly CW. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Website: www.qrz.com/db/S79NU [DX World]

09/11/2012: Toshiharu, JA3JND, will be active as T88ON from the Palau rental shack located on Koror Island, Republic of Palau (OC-009), from 9-13 November 2012. QRV on the HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via JA3JND, direct or JARL bureau. [OPDX Bulletin]

09/11/2012: Operators Wally VK6YS, Nigel VK6NI, Steve VK2SJK and Reinhard DF4TD will be active as VK6WDI from Woody Island (OC-170), Western Australia, from 9-13th November 2012. Plans are to run two stations covering 40 through 10 metres. Low power 100 watts into verticals and one Spiderbeam. QSL only direct to VK6YS. Website: www.westozdx.net/IOTAS/OC170/OC170.html [rsgbiota]

09/11/2012: Rich W6VX, Don N6IC, Frank N6FH, Gary NY6Y, Skip KJ6Y and and Jim N6KZ will be active as homecall/p from Santa Catalina Island (NA-066, USi CA016S, WLOTA 2912) Los Angeles county, California, from 9-12 November 2012. They plan to operate on 80-10 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home calls. [425 DX News]

10/11/2012: Ian, 2E0EDX/p will be activating Brough Castle (G-047, WCA WCA G-00047, WW Loc. IO84UM, WAB NY71), Cumbria, on 10 November 2012 all day. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [COTA]

10/11/2012: Martin, 5B/DC8MH and Mike, 5B/DL4ABO plan a DXpedition to the island of Cyprus (AS-004, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051) from 10-14 November 2012. Look for them on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metre CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, bureau preferred. Website: www.qrz.com/db/dl4abo [rsgbiota]

10/11/2012: Eric, F6ICX, will once again be active as 5R8IC between 10 November until 9 December 2012 from Nosy Boraha [aka Ile Sainte-Marie] (AF-090, WLOTA 0491). Holiday style operation, with no online log during activity. CW RTTY and PSK63 using 100w and various GP or Inv-L. Hexbeam for 20-10m. QSL via home call. [DX World]

10/11/2012: Mauro, HB9FBG, announces their next HBFF and Insubria Radio Club Expedition, to be held next Saturday, 10 November 2012 from the Mount Caslano Park, near the Lake of Lugano (Ceresio Lake): QRV as HB9IRC/p from 08:00 to 15:00 UTC (with a break for lunch), on 40m, 30m, 20m... up, using SSB, CW and PSK? (2 Stations). References: HBFF-053 Mount Caslano Park, new one; Regio Insubrica HB-007, new one; WASL-HB-TI003 Swiss Lakes Award, Lake Ceresio; WW Loc. JN45KX. Rigs: Many, all supplied by car batteries, in a camper. QSL via HB9IRC, direct or bureau. [HB9TZA]

10/11/2012: The ON3PCB initiative, the members of the section of Club Radio of Durnal (CRD) will be active with the callsign ON4CRD/p on the weekend of 10-11 November 2012 from the former Fort de Suarlee (Namur). The BCA is NM-051, the WCA reference is ON-00483. They will be active HF digital modes, voice and CW (slow) and can be in VHF. Special QSL via the bureau. [UBA HF News]

10/11/2012: The Araucaria DX Group, in conjunction with the TX3A Team, is pleased to announce a DXpedition to St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks (SA-014, DIB OC-03, WFF PYFF-064, WLOTA 0003, Grid Loc. HJ50), Pernambuco State, Brazil, under the call sign PT0S. The PT0S DXpedition will be on the air from approximately 10-22 November 2012, located near the scientific research station on Belmonte islet. Like all things maritime, the exact dates of our travel to the rocks will be subject to the weather and issues related to the boat. The operation will have a strong low band focus. There will be a dedicated 160 metre station operating from sunset to sunrise. A second station will be on 80 and 40 metres at night. During the day they will operate two stations on the higher bands -- and 6 metres -- based on conditions. RTTY will also be supported. The group will be using newly designed RX antennas and receiving equipment to allow small and QRP stations to work PT0S on all bands, but especially on 80 and 160 metres. Operators will be Fred PY2XB (PY2XB/PY0F, PQ0F, VP5/PY2XB, 8P9XB), Peter PP5XX/PY5CC (PY0FM, PW0T, HK0NA), Tomi HA7RY and George AA7JV. Due to environmental considerations, they have been limited to four operators. QSL via HA7RY, direct or bureau via OQRS and LoTW. Please check their website regularly

for news updates or announcements at: pt0s.com/ [HA7RY]

11/11/2012: Sergio, IZ3NXC, will be active as 9A/IZ3NXC from Lastovo Island (EU-016, ACIA IC-869, CIA-23, IOCA CI-051, MIA MC-196, WLOTA 0815) between 11 and 12 November, 2012. Operations will take place on the HF bands, weather permitting. QSL via IZ3NXC direct or bureau. [ZLDX]

11/11/2012: Pedro, ON7WP/AA9HX will be active as C5WP from near Sami (WW Loc. IK13UJ), The Gambia, between 11-18 November 2012 as part of his effort to set up a locally managed tourist organisation (www.africajeepsafari.com/) helping locals to gain their own money. QRV on 40-10m, sporadically due to his work commitment, using an Icom IC706 running 50 Watts into dipoles or MP1 vertical located close to the atlantic ocean with clear view over 360 degrees. Backup equipment is a QMAC HF-90. Suggested frequencies are: 7145, 14345, 18145, 21345, 24945 and 28445 kHz. Future operations are planned. QSL only direct to ON7WP address (QRZ.com). Please enclose SAE and some small sponsoring to help the organisation and pay for the postage. [DX World]

11/11/2012: Members of the Puerto Rico Amateur Radio League (PRARL), KP4ES, will be active on 11 November 2012 from Isla Cabras (USi PR031, WW Loc. FK78EF), Ceiba county, Puerto Rico, to try and qualify the island for the US Islands awards program. Look for activity on, or near, the usual island and IOTA frequencies. QSL via NP3O. [USi]

11/11/2012: Members of the Mediterraneo DX Club will sponsor/plan another DXpedition, this time to Brunei (OC-088, WLOTA 1628, Grid Loc. OJ74), using the callsign V84SMD from 11-23 November, 2012. QRV on 160-6 metres, including the WARC bands, using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to have 15 to 18 operators with 4 to 5 stations on the air 24 hours. Team members include Henri F1HRE, Michel F5EOT, Jean-Luc F6BIV, Gabriele I2VGW, Pino I8YGZ, Fabio IK2LTR, Marco IZ2GNQ, Antonio IZ8CCW, Eric ON7RN, UZ2HKC, Roslan V85AVE, Nizam V85AX, Mohammad V85TX and Bimbo YB3MM. QSL via IK2VUC, direct, by the bureau or the OQRS. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW 4-5 months after the activity. Further information can be found on their website at: www.mdxc.org/v84smd/ [OPDX Bulletin]

12/11/2012: Frank, HB9BXU, and a group of other Swiss hams will be active as E51C, E51ABS, E51BZD and E51CHX, from Aitutaki Island (OC-083) between 12-30 November 2012. QRV holiday style on 80-10 metres, including the WARC bands, between 1900-1200z, using CW, SSB and PSK31. Suggested frequencies are: CW: 3505, 7020, 10104, 14024, 18080, 21024, 24894 and 28024 kHz; SSB: 3799, 7070, 14190, 18145, 21290, 24950 and 28490 kHz; PSK31: 3580, 7035, 10139, 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920 and 28120 kHz. They state that there will be no internet access and they will not be able to provide online logs during their operation. QSL via HB9BXU. [OPDX Bulletin]

12/11/2012: Rudi, ZL2KBR plans to be active from the island of Rarotonga (OC-013), South Cook Islands, as E51KBR from 12-19 November 2012. This will be a holiday-style expedition QRV on 20-10m, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via ZL2KBR, direct or bureau. [DX World]

16/11/2012: Jean, ON8RA, returns to Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania as 5T0JL starting on 16 November 2012. QRV on all HF bands, CW and SSB. QSL via ON8RA. He will also join the 5T0SP DXpedition team (24 November-10 December). [425 DX News]

16/11/2012: Henning, OZ1BII, will be active as XP2I from Kangerlussuaq (S?Str?rd), Greenland NA-018, WLOTA 0072, WFF OZFF-006, WW Loc. GP47PA), from 16-19 October 2012. Planned activity: He will be active 17/18 November in LZ DX CW Contest 2012 running Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/CW, ITU zone 5, and planned

Top Band + 80m CW activity 18 November around 22.00z and until early morning on the 19th. QSL via OZ1BII. [NG3K]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

18/11/2012: Once again Mike, GM0HCQ, is active from onboard the Royal Research Ship James Clark Ross heading to the South Atlantic. Whilst in Antarctic and Falkland Islands waters he uses the call VP8CMH/mm, at all other times he uses GM0HCQ/mm. The ship will stop at Station "M" (WAP GBR-24, WFF GFF-023), King Edward Point, Cumberland East Bay, South Georgia Islands (AN-007) on 18-19 November 2012, and Mike might be able to go ashore and be QRV as VP8SGK. Mike is unsure if this will be an overnight stop - if it is then he has a far greater opportunity to operate from the base. If not overnight then he is at best only going to manage a few hours in the afternoon. It is likely that Mike will be operating SSB only. QSL for all callsigns via GM0HCQ (direct only), LoTW and eQSL. The ship itinerary and other information can be found at www.gm0hcq.com/. [425 DX News/GM0HCQ]

20/11/2012: Look for Yuri, VE3DZ, to be active from Paramaribo, Suriname as PZ5T from 20-27 November 2012. QRV CW, SSB and RTTY on all HF bands. This will include a Single-Op/All band entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November), CQ zone 9. QSL via VE3DZ. [NG3K]

21/11/2012: Sergey, R4WAA, will be active on 40-10 metres from the Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA 2974) between 21-30 November 2012. He will also participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November), operator class TBD, CQ zone 8. QSL via home call, bureau preferred. [DXAT]

22/11/2012: A group of Ukrainian operators will be QRV as a 3W2J from Vung Tau, Vietnam, between 22-28 November 2012. QRV on 40-10 metres, all modes. They will also participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November) as a Multi-? entry, CQ zone 26. Operators include Serge UU5WW, Paul UU0JR and Serge UT5JCW. They will be looking to catch any 6m openings too. QSL info to be announced soon [DX World]

22/11/2012: Jyrki, OH6CS, will be operating as EA8/OH6CS from salty and sloping Faro de Sardina seaside in Galdar (WW Loc. IL28DD), Las Palmas province, Gran Canaria (DIE S-005, WFF EAFF-078, WLOTA 0969), Canary Islands (AF-004) between 22-28 November 2012. QRV on all bands and modes, including some 6 metre CW and SSB. Jyrki will also participate as EA8CUU in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (?) entry, CQ zone 33. QSL both calls via OH6CS, direct only. Website: personal.inet.fi/cool/sierra/ea8.htm [NG3K]

22/11/2012: Operators Jorn LA1U (JW1U), Borge LA4KQ (JW4KQ) and Olav LA9OI (JW9OI) will be active from the JW5E club station, Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125) from 22-28 November 2012. QRV on all bands and modes. They will also be QRV as JW5E in the CQWW DX CW Contest (24-25 November) as a Multi-Single entry, CQ zone 40. QSL via their home calls, direct or bureau. QSL JW5E via the bureau, or direct (QRZ.com). [DXAT]

23/11/2012: Yoshi, JK2VOC, will be active from the island of Guam (OC-026, USi GU003S, WFF KFF-110, WLOTA 0064) as KH2/JK2VOC between 23-27 November 2012. His activity will include a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest from CQ zone 27. Outside the contest look for Yoshi to be QRV on all HF bands and modes. QSL via his home callsign. [NG3K]

16/02/2013: Mathieu, MJ0ASP, will activate the Jersey Contest Club callsign GJ2A from St. Brelade, Isle of Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA 0818, WW Loc. IN89VE, WAB WV-54), in the ARRL DX CW Contest (16-17 February). He plans a

Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via LoTW. [NG3K]

26/03/2013: Jacek, SP5EAQ, will be QRV as A3EAQ from Tongatapu island (OC-049), in the Kingdom of Tonga, from the 26th March to the 16th April 2013. QSL via home call (direct or bureau). He will be active on SSB only on all bands 80-10 metres. Website: http://sp5drh.com/a3eaq/ [DX World]

28/02/2013: New operator, Adam ZS7V, takes up the position of Radio Technician & Team Leader at SANAE IV Base (AA ZS-03 WAP ZAF-03 WFF ZSFF-026, IOTA AN-016), Antarctica, starting at the end of December 2012. He will be QRV end of February 2013 once the supply ship departs for Cape Town, and will remain at SANAE until February 2014. SSB activity only. QSL via Pierre, ZS1HF / ZS8M who will provide updates. Website: www.qrz.com/db/ZS7V [DX World]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

09/11/2012: Special event stations BM0LF and BV2013LF are now active until 10 March 2013 to celebrate the Taiwan Lantern Festival 2013 in Hsinchu, Taiwan (AS-020, WLOTA 0022). QSLs via BM2JCC, dirct or bureau. See also: www.2013taiwanlantern.net/en [DX Newsletter]

09/11/2012: The first transmission of "Radio Paradizabal" was broadcasted on 6 November 1922. "Radiogrupo Sur" will activate the special event station CW90A in all modes on all bands until the end of the year to celebrate the 90th anniversary of this historic event. QSL via CX2ABC, unfortunately only direct. [DX Newsletter]

09/11/2012: The special event stations EV200BP, EV200B and EV200S remember the Bicentenary of the smashing of the Napoleonic army at the crossing of the river Berezina. Activity is now taking place until 30 November 2012, on all bands and modes. QSL for EV200BP via the bureau or direct via EW2CC. QSL EV200B via EW2EO, direct or bureau. [DX Newsletter]

09/11/2012: Special event station TM7VG is currently active until 15 November 2012 to mark the 7th Vendee Globe Boat World Race. QRV on 160 to 2 metre CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via F6KUF, direct or bureau. See also: www.vendeeglobe.org/en [DX Newsletter]

10/11/2012: "End of the World, Railway station" is a special event that will be aired on 10 November 2012 from Tierra del Fuego (WAP ARG-23, SA-008, WFF LUFF-034, WLOTA 2448). Several stations will be on the air and this is a good opportunity to collect new calls for WAP-WACA Award and work ARG-23 for WAP-WADA. Operators will be: Cecilia LU3XUC, Cristian LU5XUC, Jaime LU4XPE, Gerardo LU3XUJ, Hector LU3XUH, Omar LU5XTS, Pablo LU4XUP, Guillermo LU6XSG, Guillermo LU9XPR, Luli LU4XUL, Diego LU5XWA, Mariana LU5XTI, Erica LU4XUE, Miriam LU3XUM, Cintia LU3XYL and Guillermo LU7XX. They will use their home call /XP; as most of them are novice, they will operate on 10 metres from 28.300 to 28.350 MHz and on 80 metres on 3.650 MHz. QSL via the individual operators home callsign. [waponline.it]

11/11/2012: GB4WLR will be on air on 11 November as part of the Remembrance Sunday commemorations. A World War One locomotive is expected to be in steam on the West Lancashire Light Railway at Hesketh Bank. The locomotive served behind the front lines during WW1 and is named Joffre. Also taking place that day is the annual BBC Children in Need fund raising day. QSL direct to Pam 2E1HQY or via the RSGB bureau. More information can be found on QRZ.com. [GB2RS]

14/11/2012: In November, 2012 Mongolia will celebrate its Chinggis Khan's 850th birthday. From 14-21 November Mongolian amateur radio operators are will be

active using special Event callsighs such as JU850AA... QSL via QRZ.com. Chinggis Khagan Award will be issued free to those who make three contacts with three different event callsigns, i.e, JU850AA, JU850DA, JU850DN. Any mode, any bands. Please send your request with QSO detail information to MRSF at MRSF dot MN. On 16 April 1162 (adjusted to our current calendars, the date is November) Temujin was born on the banks of the Onon River, in the heart of Mongolia. He came to power by uniting many of the nomadic tribes of Northeast Asia. In 1207, he established the Mongol Empire and was proclaimed "Chinggis Khan". Chinggis Khan and his descendants went on to stretch the Mongol Empire across most of Euroasia by conquering or creating vassal states out of all of modern-day China, Korea, the Caucasus, Central Asian countries, and substantial portions of modern Eastern Europe, Russia and the Middle East. The following stations will be active during the Event: JU850AA/3, JU850DA, JU850DN and JU850CS. Website: www.mrsf.mn/ [Mongolian Radio Sport Federation]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

09/11-9/3/13 4S7KKG: Sri Lanka Island WLOTA:0762 QSL DC0KK (d/B)
09/11-12/11 AH2J/KH0: Saipan Island WLOTA:1333 QSL JR1VAY (d/B)
09/11-12/11 KJ6Y/P: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/11-11/11 LT0X: Isla Pinguino WLH:LU-006 ARG-010 WLOTA:1459 QSL LU7DSY (d)
09/11-12/11 N6FH/P: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/11-12/11 N6IC/P: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/11-12/11 N6KZ/P: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/11-12/11 NY6Y/P: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/11-16/11 PJ4X: Bonaire Island WLOTA:1279 QSL PE2MC (d/B)
09/11-24/11 S79NU: Mahe Island WLOTA:3286 QSL DL8NU (d/B)
09/11-12/11 W6VX/P: Santa Catalina Island WLOTA:2912 QSL H/c (d/B)
10/11-14/11 5B/DC8MH: Cyprus Island WLOTA:0051 QSL H/c (B)
10/11-14/11 5B/DL4ABO: Cyprus Island WLOTA:0051 QSL H/c (B)
10/11-22/11 PT0S: St.Peter & St.Paul Islands WLOTA:0003 QSL HA7RY (d/B)
11/11-12/11 9A/IZ3NXC: Lastovo Island WLOTA:0815 QSL H/c (d/B)
11/11-23/11 V84SMD: Brunei (main island) WLOTA:1628 QSL IK2VUC (d/B)
16/11-19/11 XP2I: Greenland WLOTA:0072 QSL OZ1BII (d/B)
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6 METRES & UP -

09/11-11/11 LT0X: Isla Pinguino SA-087 Grid:FE72DC 6m CW/SSB QSL LU7DSY (d)
10/11-11/11 Kentucky QSO Party 6m class 10 1400z-11 0200z
10/11 Open VHF-FM Contest 2m FM/HP/QRP 10 1800z-2000z
10/11-12/11 CQ-WE Contest 6m-70cm classes 10 1900z-12 0500z
10/11-22/11 PT0S: St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks Grid:HJ50 6m QSL HA7RY (d/B)
11/11 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 6m class 0000z-2359z
11/11-23/11 V84SMD: Brunei OC-088 Grid:OJ74 50.130USB 50.101CW QSL IK2VUC (d/B)
13/11 LY 432MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1800z-2159z
13/11 NRAU 432MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z
13/11 RSGB 432MHz UKAC SO Fixed/Open 2000z-2230z
14/11 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1900z-2100z
15/11 NRAU 70MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_nov.html

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated: 07 November 2012)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFO -

The following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

5X1EME - Uganda
2012 Operation

TT8TT - Chad
2012 Operation
Also, a certificate for LoTW has been approved

VU7M - Lakshadweep Islands
August 2012 Operation

ZD9UW - Tristan Da Cunha & Gough
2012 Operation

73 es DX!
Bill Moore NC1L
Awards Branch Manager

Logbook of The World Experiencing Maintenance Issues -
11/07/2012
ARRL Information Technology Manager Michael Keane, K1MK, is reporting that the Logbook of The World (LoTW) system is currently down for maintenance. "With the system temporarily down, radio amateurs are not able to access LoTW or upload their logs," Keane explained. "No data has been lost, and everyone's records are intact. We understand the problem and we are in the process of restoring service to LoTW, but we don't know when that will happen. Since both the Logbook of The World service and the Online DXCC service are connected to the ARRL Awards System, radio amateurs are not able to access either service until the system is restored. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and want to assure the amateur community that the ARRL is working diligently to restore service to these popular programs."
UPDATE: Logbook of The World Expected to Be Back Online on November 9 [The ARRL Letter]

New QSL manager for JX5O -
For those who have already paid by OQRS please read this update.
The JX5O team wish announce an update regarding JX5O QSL management. Stan SQ8X cannot continue his QSL duty anymore due to personal issues.
Tim M?URX will keep all QSL duties for JX5O straight away. A new portion of JX5O QSL cards are being printed and delivered to Tim once ready.
Tim M0URX will update as soon as he has more information. [DX World]

Sale of IRCs may be discontinued in the US -
The USPS is attempting to discontinue the sale of International Reply Coupons. (IRCs) They are requesting approval from the Postal Regulatory Commission to discontinue sales on Jan 27, 2013. Redemption of IRCs will continue for IRCs purchased in foreign countries. [QRZ.com]

QSLs via Bureau: None to report this week! :o(

QSLs via Direct: 5U8NK (OQRS), 7O6T (OQRS), 8Q7OE (QRZ.com), A51PN (W0GJ), JA1NLX/VK4 [OC-160] (H/c), PJ5/K3TRM (H/c), VP5/WA2VYA (H/c), VU7M (VU2JHM) and YY4DNN (QRZ.com).

QSLs via LoTW: BIG BUG!
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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
USi (U.S. Islands Award Program) at: www.usislands.org/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wcagroup.org/ENG/wcag.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: www.wff44.org/program/wff/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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BITS & PIECES -

ANTARCTIC CHALLENGE -
For those working Antarctic Challenge, look for Javier, station CD6713 (see QRZ.com), from Quellon, Chiloe Island (SA-018, DICE ICE 701, WLOTA 0750), Los Lagos Region, Chiloe Province, Patagonia Chile. CD6713 is actually on 28480 kHz with good signal. Javier operates 80, 40 & 10m (10m 4el yagi) + VHF. QSL direct only (QRZ.com). [I1HYW]

Indian Station Bharati WAP IND-04
Posted by Bhagwati Prasad, VU3BPZ
Bharati HAM Radio Station will be QRT on next 22-23 November. New team will be here around Nov.15th, & then, I will be operating from P/S Ivan Papanin, soon after handover the equipments charges. I should be ready to operate from onboard as VU3BPZ/MM from 05-06 December till Jan. 2nd, 2013.
At the moment I am busy in several duty and Station?s activities during the day light and it could be that sometimes I cannot attending the radio as per schedule but when get free, I will have a look on the frequency as per following table:
15M Band ... 21.260 +/- ....from ... 09:15 to 10:00 UTC
17M Band ... 18.150 +/- 2 ... from ... 10:15 to 12:00 UTC
20M Band ... 14.180 +/- 2 ... from ... 14:00 to 15:30 UTC
17M Band .. 18.150 +/- 2 ... from ... 15:30 to 16:15 UTC
20M Band ... 14.180 +/- 2 .... from ....16:30 to 17:45 UTC
20M Band ... 14.242 ..... from .... 01:30 to 03:00 UTC
So, till the end of my stay, I will follow this schedule plan.
Wx Report at 69?S, 76?E: Sky clear, Outside temp -12 C, Wind Speed : 3 m/s , we are getting 19 hrs day light (No Dark), Sun rise 21:26 z Sun set 15:54z.
Our local time in our QTH = UTC+5 hrs
QSL for VU2BPZ/P is in printing process; please find hereby a QSL preview, my QSL manager I1HYW will start to QSL from about Nov.15th
TNX VU3BPZ/P

Solomon Islands (H44) / Temotu Islands (H40) - March 2013
UPDATE: Thursday, Nov 8, 2012 (updated by DL7UFR)
Today we got our licenses. We will be active from Temotu Islands as H40T and from the Solomon Islands as H44G.
A team consisting of DK1BT, DK7LX, DL4WK, DL7KL, DL7DF, DL7UFN, DL7UFR, SP3CYY and SP3DOI will be QRV from the Solomon Islands and Temotu between March 8-25, 2013. QSL via DL7DF.
The following info was announced on the website of Sigi DL7DF:
"For our next DXpedition, we have chosen two destinations. The first destination the Solomon Islands, H44G (OC-047 Guadalcandal island). We will stay there from March 8 and 25, 2013. During the time from March 12 to 23, a part of the group will be active from Temotu Island, H40T (OC-100 Nendo island). We are

active with several stations on 160m through 6m on CW, SSB. One station on each destination will be exclusively dedicated to RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV." Further info can be found on Sigi's website at: www.dl7df.com/h4/

ZL9 - CAMPBELL ISLAND -

ZL9HR DX'Pedition to Campbell Island Info release #10 8/11/2012
Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2012 12:41:24 +1100

/One of the most important DX'peditions of the year is about to start./

ZL9HR will be active from the UNESCO World Heritage Campbell Island which is 650Km south of New Zealand in the Great Southern Ocean. This Sub-Antartic island is sought after not only for DXCC and IOTA (OC-037) awards but I have been informed by August HB9TZA, also for the World Flora and Fauna radio award where the island has the reference ZLFF-019. Please checkout www.wff44.org for details of that competition.

I am glad to report all plans are still on schedule and ZL9HR will be active on all bands from 160m to 6m from November 28th to December 9th from Campbell Island. Here's hoping for mild weather and good propagation for the event.

As always please refer to the DX'Pedition's website zl9hr.com/ for all details and latest updates.

Thanks, this is Ed VK2JI Australian Publicity Officer for ZL9HR.
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
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